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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/23/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 9-27, 28-33, and 36-58 (renumbered as 1-54).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in the Remarks filed 01/23/2006.

The application, claims 56-58, has been amended as follows:

Regarding claim 56, the limitation:

“wherein the template has a limitation number for assignment of image data, and if it is determined that image data more than the limitation number of the template in the designation step are assigned to said template, remaining image data are assigned to a predetermined template and if binary data more than the limitation number of the predetermined template are assigned to the predetermined template, the predetermined template is newly generated, and the remaining binary data are assigned to the generated predetermined template.”

is now changed to:

“wherein the template has a limitation number for assignment of image data, and if it is determined that image data more than the limitation number of the template in the designation step are assigned to said template, remaining image data are assigned to a predetermined

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template and if **image** data more than the limitation number of the predetermined template are assigned to the predetermined template, the predetermined template is newly generated, and the remaining **image** data are assigned to the generated predetermined template.”

(emphasis added)

Regarding claim 57, the limitation:

“wherein the template has a limitation number for assignment of image data, and if it is determined that image data more than the limitation number of the template by the designation means are assigned to said template, remaining image data are assigned to a predetermined template, and if binary data more than the limitation number of the predetermined template are assigned to the predetermined template, the predetermined template is newly generated, and the remaining binary data are assigned to the generated predetermined template.”

is now changed to:

“wherein the template has a limitation number for assignment of image data, and if it is determined that image data more than the limitation number of the template by the designation means are assigned to said template, remaining image data are assigned to a predetermined template, and if **image** data more than the limitation number of the predetermined template are assigned to the predetermined template, the predetermined template is newly generated, and the remaining **image** data are assigned to the generated predetermined template.”

(emphasis added)

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For claim 58, the limitation:

“wherein the template has a limitation number for assignment of image data, and if it is determined that image data more than the limitation number of the template by the designation process code are assigned to said template, remaining image data are assigned to a predetermined template, and if binary data more than the limitation number of the predetermined template are assigned to the predetermined template, the predetermined template is newly generated, and the remaining binary image data are assigned to the generated predetermined template.”

is now changed to:

“wherein the template has a limitation number for assignment of image data, and if it is determined that image data more than the limitation number of the template by the designation process code are assigned to said template, remaining image data are assigned to a predetermined template, and if **image** data more than the limitation number of the predetermined template are assigned to the predetermined template, the predetermined template is newly generated, and the remaining **image** data are assigned to the generated predetermined template.”

(emphasis added)

CONCLUSION

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Q. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-7424. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 A.M - 5:30 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jingge Wu can be reached on 571-272-7429. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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